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Tanmoy Dutta And Jeremy Mazner

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For: A METHOD FOR ABSTRACTING STATE TRANSITIONS WITHOUT REQUIRING STATE MACHINE KNOWLEDGE

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This is in response to the Official Action dated March 3, 2003, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page ___ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins On page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page ___ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.